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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

As you know, one of the most important issues that will face the Congress next year involves Senate ratification of a possible SALT II treaty. Integral to this issue is the adequacy of U.S. capabilities to monitor and verify such a treaty and that sufficient funds are available to maintain or enhance such capabilities.

This responsibility falls largely to the Intelligence Community, and, depending on the specifics of an eventual treaty, could have a significant impact on the thrust and scope of the U.S. intelligence effort over the next few years.

In order to acquire a better understanding of the potential implications for our intelligence needs of a new treaty, it is requested that the Committee be provided an analysis (in this instance for budgetary purposes) which describes in detail: current capabilities for monitoring/verification of Soviet weapons systems developments; potential gaps or limitations in our current capabilities to monitor/verify a new treaty; likely new or expanded capabilities, and the cost implications, that would be required under the terms of a new treaty.

It is recognized that there are some limitations to such an analysis, given that the terms of a new SALT treaty have not as yet been finalized. Nonetheless, the

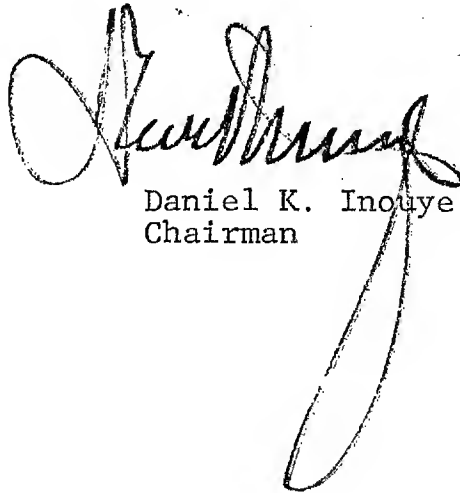
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outlines of the new agreement are already sufficiently well enough understood at this point to be able to draw some conclusions as to our likely monitoring and verification needs.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Aloha,



Daniel K. Inouye
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